

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listing of the claims in the above-identified Application.

Claim 1. (Original) A method of facilitating handover from an active network with which User Equipment is in communication to another network, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a list of available other networks to said User Equipment via the active network;

in the User Equipment, selecting among the available networks based on preference information and signalling to said active network at least one preferred other network; and

providing neighbor cell information for the at least one preferred other network to said User Equipment via the active network.

Claims 2. (Cancelled)

Claim 3. (Original) A method of facilitating handover from an active network with which User Equipment is in communication to another network, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving from User Equipment communicating via the active network an indication of at least one preferred other network; and

in response thereto, providing neighbor cell information for the at least

one preferred other network.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) A method of operating User Equipment capable of handover between an active network and another network comprising: ~~a step of~~

storing in the User Equipment a list of available networks based on information supplied by the active network with which the User Equipment is in communication; and

transmitting from the User Equipment an indication of a preference for a network.

Claim 5. (Original) A method according to claim 4 further comprising a step of incrementally adding to or subtracting from the list of available networks.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) A method of facilitating handover from an active network with which User Equipment is in communication to another network, the method comprising:

providing to User Equipment communicating via the active network a list of available other networks; and

~~A method according to claim 2 further comprising a step of sending a message to the User Equipment containing information for incrementally adding to or subtracting from the list of available networks.~~

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) A method of operating an active network to facilitate handover to another network comprising:
maintaining a connection via the active network with a User Equipment;
and
a step of providing to the User Equipment communicating via the active network a message containing information for incrementally adding to or subtracting from a stored list of available networks.

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Claim 8. (Currently Amended) A method of operating User Equipment capable of handover between an active network and another network comprising:
storing a preference for a network; and
a step of incrementally adding to or subtracting from a stored list of available networks based on information supplied by the active network with which the User Equipment is in communication.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) A method of operating User Equipment capable of handover between an active network and another network comprising:
storing a preference for a network; and
a step of signalling to the active network with which the User Equipment is in communication thea preferred other network for handover.

Claim 10. (Original) A method according to claim 9, wherein said preferred other network is selected by the User Equipment from a list of available networks supplied by the network.

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) A method of operating an active network with which User Equipment is in communication comprising:
maintaining a connection via the active network with a User Equipment;
and
a step of sending neighbor cell information to User Equipment based on network preferences communicated by the User Equipment.

Claim 12. (Original) A method according to claim 11 comprising a step of sending mutually different neighbor cell information to mutually different User Equipments based on mutually different network preferences.

Claim 13. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the preferred other network is selected based on information stored in the User Equipment, preferably in a SIM card.

Claim 14. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the active network is a UMTS network and the other network is selected from available GSM networks.

Claim 15. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the active network is provided by an active network provider and the other network is selected from networks provided by other network providers.

Claim 16. (Currently Amended) User Equipment for a mobile communications system capable of handover from an active network with which User Equipment is in communication to another network comprising:

means for storing a list of available other networks supplied by the active network; and

means for transmitting from the User Equipment an indication of a preference for a network.

Claim 17. (Original) User Equipment according to claim 16, further comprising means for updating the stored list of available other networks based on information supplied by the active network.

Claim 18. (Currently Amended) User Equipment for a mobile communications system capable of handover from an active network with which User Equipment is in communication to another network comprising:


means for updating a stored list of available other networks based on information supplied by the active network; and

means for transmitting from the User Equipment an indication of a preference for a network.

Claim 19. (Currently Amended) User Equipment for a mobile communications system capable of handover from an active network with which User Equipment is in communication to another network comprising:

a storage unit configured to store a preference for a network; and
means for signalling thea preferred other network to the active network during a call.

Claim 20. (Original) User Equipment according to claim 19, further comprising means for storing network preference information.

 **Claim 21. (Original)** User Equipment according to claim 16, wherein the active network is a UMTS network and the other network is a GSM network, having means for communicating over both networks.

Claim 22. (Cancelled)

Claim 23. (Currently amended) A mobile communications network or component thereof comprising:

communicator configured to communicate to User Equipment
communicating with the network a list of available other networks; and

~~A mobile communications network or component thereof according to claim 22 having~~ means for sending a message to theme User Equipment containing

information for incrementally adding to or subtracting from the list of available networks.

Claim 24. (Currently Amended) A mobile communications network or component thereof including:

means for maintaining a connection via the active network with a User Equipment; and

means for sending a message to the User Equipment containing information for incrementally adding to or subtracting from a list of available networks stored in the User Equipment.

Claim 25. (Currently amended) A mobile communications network or component thereof including:

means for receiving from User Equipment communicating with the network an indication of a preferred other network; and

means for supplying neighboring cell information for the preferred other network based on the indication.

Claim 26. (Currently Amended) A mobile communications network or component thereof including:

maintaining a connection via the active network with a User Equipment;
and

means for sending neighbor cell information to the User Equipment based on network preferences communicated by the User Equipment.

Claim 27. (Original) A mobile communications network or component thereof according to claim 26 arranged to send mutually different neighbor cell information to mutually different User Equipments based on mutually different network preferences.

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